PartV

Laboratory Certification and Registration

This Part of the Memorandum contains a description of the portions of Act 410 relating to laboratory certification.

The provisions of Act 410 which relate to the laboratory certification and registration procedures are as follows: ss. 15.107 (11), 20.370 (3) (dj), 143.15 (5), (8) and (9) and 144.95 and SECTION 2001.

Briefly, Act 410 provides guidelines on laboratory certification and registration procedures to be established by rule by the DNR. Act 410 also creates a certification standards review council, provides for cooperation by DNR with the DHSS's laboratory certification program and states when laboratory certification or registration may be required.

The remainder of this Part of the Memorandum contains a description of the laboratory certification and registration procedures.

A. CERTIFICATION STANDARDS REVIEW COUNCIL

A certification standards review council is created in the DOA. The council consists of eight members appointed by the Secretary of the DOA, representing municipalities, industrial laboratories, commercial laboratories, public water utilities, solid and hazardous waste disposal facilities and agricultural interests. A ninth member is appointed by the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Madison to represent the State Laboratory of Hygiene.

The council is directed to review the DNR laboratory certification and registration program and to make recommendations to the DNR regarding test categories, reference sample testing, standards for certification and registration and other aspects of the program.

B. DHSS AND DNR COORDINATION

Act 410 contains three provisions to facilitate cooperation between the DNR and DHSS regarding their respective laboratory certification and registration programs as follows:

1. Rules emanating from either Department relating to laboratory certification must be approved by both Departments;
2. The Departments must enter into a memorandum of understanding regarding the responsibilities of each Department in administering its laboratory certification programs;
3. Each Department must accept the certification or registration of a laboratory by the other Department; and
4. Both the DNR and the DHSS must submit rules developed by those agencies to the State Laboratory of Hygiene for review and comment.